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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/2 of 16 September 2002 on the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development,

Recalling also its resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development and resolutions 58/233 of 23 December 2003 and 59/254 of 23 December 2004 entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support",

Recalling further section II entitled "Development" of the 2005 World Summit Outcome document,[1] and in particular the relevant paragraphs on meeting the special needs of Africa and countries with special needs,

Bearing in mind that African countries have primary responsibility for their own economic and social development and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, and also the need for their development efforts to be supported by an enabling international economic environment, and in this regard recalling the support given by the International Conference on Financing for Development to the New Partnership,[2]

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General's Advisory Panel on International Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development entitled

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See resolution 60/1.

[2] See *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

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"From rhetoric to action: mobilizing international support to unleash Africa's potential",[3]

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: third consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support",[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

2. *Reaffirms its full support* for the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;[5]

3. *Recognizes* the progress made in the implementation of the New Partnership as well as regional and international support for the New Partnership, while acknowledging that much needs to be done in the implementation of the New Partnership;

I
Actions by African countries and organizations

4. *Welcomes* the progress made by the African countries in fulfilling their commitments in the implementation of the New Partnership to deepen democracy, human rights, good governance and sound economic management, and encourages African countries, with the participation of stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, to continue their efforts in this regard by developing and strengthening institutions for governance and the development of the region;

5. *Also welcomes* the substantial progress that has been achieved in implementing the African Peer Review Mechanism, in particular the completion of the self-assessment in some countries, the hosting of country support missions and the launching of the national preparatory process for the Peer Review in others;

6. *Further welcomes* the efforts made by African countries and regional and subregional organizations in implementing specific programmes of the New Partnership;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance for African countries to continue to coordinate, on the basis of national strategies and priorities, all types of external assistance, including that provided by multilateral organizations, in order to integrate effectively such assistance into their development processes;

8. *Encourages* the further integration of the priorities and objectives of the New Partnership into the programmes of the regional structures and organizations, and programmes for the African least developed countries;

9. *Recalls* that the African Union and the regional economic communities have a critical role to play in the implementation of the New Partnership and encourages development partners to increase their support to enhancing the capacities of these institutions;

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[3] See A/60/85.

[4] A/60/178.

[5] A/57/304, annex.

10. *Emphasizes* that progress in the implementation of the New Partnership depends also on a favourable national and international environment for Africa's growth and development;

II
Response of the international community

11. *Welcomes* the efforts by development partners to strengthen cooperation with the New Partnership;

12. *Acknowledges* the various important initiatives of Africa's development partners in recent years, including those of the Group of Eight, the European Union, the Tokyo International Conference on African Development and the report of the Commission for Africa entitled *Our Common Interest*,[6] and emphasizes in this regard the importance of coordination in such initiatives on Africa and of the assessment of the level and extent of aid delivery vis-à-vis pledges;

13. *Welcomes* the contribution made by Member States to the implementation of the New Partnership in the context of South-South cooperation and in this regard urges Africa's development partners to support the triangular cooperation in the region;

14. *Also welcomes* the financial support extended by many of the development partners to the various programmes of the New Partnership and, in this regard, notes with satisfaction that some developed countries have committed resources for the infrastructure project preparation facility and the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Plan and urges similar support to be extended to Africa in water and sanitation and in housing and urban development and other arrangements emanating from the New Partnership aiming at the achievement of sustainable development in the region;

15. *Calls for* measures to address the challenges of poverty eradication and sustainable development in Africa including debt relief, improved market access, support for the private sector and entrepreneurship, enhanced official development assistance and increased flows of foreign direct investment, and transfer of technology;

16. *Reiterates* the need for the international community, relevant multilateral institutions and developed countries to enhance coherence in their trade, investment, aid and debt policies towards African countries, including efforts to fully integrate African countries in the international trading system, through initiatives such as building Africa's trade capacity to compete and the provision of assistance to mitigate the adjustment costs of trade liberalization, and compensatory short-term aid flows to African countries seriously affected by the decline in trade revenue as a result of the extension of most-favoured-nation status to other countries;

17. *Welcomes* the recent decision by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to endorse the proposal of the Group of Eight to cancel 100 per cent of the outstanding debt of eligible heavily indebted poor countries owed to the International Monetary Fund, the International Development Association and the

[6] London, 11 March 2005; also available from http://www.comissionforafrica.org/english/report/introduction.html#report.

African Development Fund and to provide additional resources to ensure that the financing capacity of the international financial institutions is not reduced;

18. *Stresses* the need to find a comprehensive and durable solution to the debt problems of African countries, including through the cancellation of 100 per cent of multilateral debt and through significant debt relief, including, inter alia, cancellation and restructuring for heavily indebted countries not part of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative and for other low- and middle-income African countries that have unsustainable debt burdens; and also stresses the need to support the ongoing work undertaken by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to develop a forward-looking debt sustainability framework for heavily indebted poor countries and low-income countries, bearing in mind the importance of debt sustainability towards the achievement of national development goals and the Millennium Development Goals;

19. *Welcomes* the recent increase in official development assistance pledged by many of the development partners, including the commitments of the Group of Eight and the European Union, that will lead to an increase in official development assistance to Africa of $25 billion per year by 2010, and urges all development partners to ensure aid predictability and aid effectiveness through the implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness: Ownership, Harmonization, Alignment, Results and Mutual Accountability, adopted at the High-level Forum entitled "Joint Progress towards Enhanced Aid Effectiveness: Harmonization, Alignment, Results", held in Paris from 28 February to 2 March 2005,[7] and to make continued efforts to increase the flows of new and additional resources, public and private, to support the development of African countries;

20. *Also welcomes* the efforts by development partners to align their financial and technical support to Africa more closely to the priorities of the New Partnership, as reflected in national poverty reduction strategies or in similar strategies, and encourages development partners to increase their efforts in this regard;

21. *Acknowledges* the activities of the Bretton Woods institutions and the African Development Bank in African countries, and invites those institutions to continue their support for the implementation of the priorities and objectives of the New Partnership;

22. *Requests* the United Nations system to continue to provide assistance to the African Union and New Partnership secretariats and to African countries in developing projects and programmes within the scope of the priorities of the New Partnership;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mandate the United Nations Millennium Project to assist African countries in adopting and implementing quick-impact initiatives based on their national development strategies and priorities to enable them to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and calls upon the development partners to urgently provide African countries with the necessary resources to implement such initiatives as agreed in the 2005 World Summit Outcome;

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[7] Available from http://www.1.worldbank.org/harmonization/PARIS/FINALPARISDECLARATION.pdf.

24. *Notes* that the entities of the United Nations system have been actively using the regional consultation mechanism as a vehicle for fostering collaboration and coordination at the regional level, and encourages them to intensify their efforts in developing and implementing joint programmes in support of the New Partnership at the regional level;

25. *Encourages* the United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to continue to strengthen further their existing coordination and programming mechanisms, and the simplification and harmonization of planning, disbursement and reporting procedures, as a means of enhancing support for African countries in the implementation of the New Partnership;

26. *Notes* the growing collaboration among the entities of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, and requests the Secretary-General to promote greater coherence in the work of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, on the basis of the agreed clusters;

27. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General's Advisory Panel on International Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development entitled "From rhetoric to action: mobilizing international support to unleash Africa's potential",[3] and looks forward to its supplementary report, including recommendations on the actions to be taken to enhance support for the implementation of the New Partnership;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take measures to strengthen the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in order to enable it to effectively fulfil its mandate, including monitoring and reporting on progress related to meeting the special needs of Africa;

29. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the basis of inputs from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other stakeholders in the New Partnership, such as the private sector and civil society.